
HOUSE BILL 1615

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1 AN ACT Relating to revising the state funding formula for
2 nonemployee-related costs; and creating new sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that over the last
5 twenty-five years various aspects of the state funding formulas to
6 support basic education have been reviewed and revised based on study
7 findings. One aspect that has not undergone such a review is the
8 allocation for nonemployee-related costs within the general
9 apportionment program. The current nonemployee-related cost allocation
10 is based on an analysis of district expenditures conducted when the
11 basic education act was enacted and has been adjusted only for general
12 inflation since that time.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The legislative evaluation and
14 accountability program committee shall conduct a study of nonemployee-
15 related costs based on a review of school district expenditures. The
16 purpose of the study is to:

17 (a) Make recommendations for revising and updating the amount of
18 the state allocation for nonemployee-related costs in the general

1 apportionment program funding formula, including the enhanced
2 allocation for vocational programs, to more accurately reflect costs of
3 such items as textbooks, fuel, utilities, vocational program equipment,
4 computer technology, and other common educational costs; and

5 (b) Recommend a division of the nonemployee-related cost allocation
6 into three components, each separately adjusted for inflation as
7 follows:

8 (i) An energy component, to be annually adjusted by the index for
9 fuels and utilities from the consumer price index for all urban
10 consumers, published by the United States bureau of labor statistics;

11 (ii) An instructional materials component, to be annually adjusted
12 by an aggregate index for educational books and supplies and
13 information technology from the consumer price index for all urban
14 consumers, published by the United States bureau of labor statistics;
15 and

16 (iii) A component for all other nonemployee-related costs covered
17 by the allocation, to be adjusted by the index for all items from the
18 consumer price index for all urban consumers, published by the United
19 States bureau of labor statistics.

20 (2) The legislative evaluation and accountability program committee
21 shall recommend the new allocations for nonemployee-related costs based
22 on the study findings to the fiscal committees of the legislature by
23 December 1, 2007.

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